

# Jennifer K. Van Zant

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Jennifer Van Zant focuses her practice on complex business litigation — the more complicated, the better. She represents businesses on a wide range of disputes before federal courts and the North Carolina Business Court, and works closely with clients to make paths toward resolution.

## MY PRACTICE

### CORPORATE LITIGATION

Jennifer represents clients in a wide range of complex business disputes, including numerous class action cases and LLC ownership disputes. She thrives in cases that involve complicated legal theories. She has extensive experience representing clients before the North Carolina Business Court and in federal district court.

### CLASS ACTION DEFENSE

## PRACTICE AREAS

Health Care  
Litigation  
› Antitrust Litigation  
› Appellate  
› Class Action  
› Complex Business Litigation  
› Federal Litigation  
› North Carolina Business Court  
› Professional Liability Litigation

## INDUSTRIES

Accounting & Professional Services  
Health Care  
Manufacturing

## EDUCATION

Wake Forest University School of Law  
J.D., 1994, *magna cum laude*; Managing Editor, *Wake Forest Law Review*, 1993-94  
Duke University  
B.S., 1991

## CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk to Judge N. Carlton Tilley, Jr., U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, 1994-1995

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

North Carolina  
US Court of Appeals  
4th Circuit  
US District Court - North Carolina  
Western District  
Middle District  
Eastern District

Jennifer has defended numerous class actions in a wide range of business-related cases. Her experience includes class action suits related to health care, insurance, antitrust and securities.

## ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Jennifer has been widely recognized by her clients and peers for her success in antitrust litigation, and has been included in [\*The Best Lawyers in America\*](#)® and [\*Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business\*](#) for her work in this area. Jennifer's antitrust litigation practice includes representation of various industries, such as health care and textiles.

The 2017 *Chambers USA* guide comments that Jennifer is "'a thoughtful litigator' who is held in high regard for her notable antitrust expertise."

## HEALTH CARE LITIGATION

Jennifer represents a variety of health care related organizations in various business disputes. Her experience includes representing health care insurance companies in disputes with providers and participants, and representing a continuing care retirement community in a dispute over enforceability of covenants. She also represents a network of chiropractors in disputes brought by former network participants.

## HONORS

Selected by her peers for inclusion in [\*The Best Lawyers in America\*](#)® in Litigation—Securities (Greensboro "Lawyer of the Year" 2014 & 2020), Antitrust Litigation (Greensboro "Lawyer of the Year" 2015, 2018 & 2021), Bet-the-Company Litigation (Greensboro "Lawyer of the Year" 2017), Banking and Finance Litigation, Commercial Litigation (2007-2021) and Antitrust Law (2021)

Named one of *North Carolina Lawyer's Weekly* "Women of Justice" (2019)

Recognized in [\*North Carolina Super Lawyers\*](#) (Thomson Reuters) in Business Litigation (2010-2021); Top 50 Women Lawyers (2012-2021); Top 100 (2012, 2014-2019, 2021); "Rising Star" (2009)

Named one of *Triad Business Journals* "Outstanding Women in Business" (2016)

Recognized in [\*Super Lawyers Business Edition\*](#) for Business Litigation (2015)

Recognized by [\*Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business\*](#) for Antitrust Litigation (2008-2020)

Recognized by her peers for inclusion in *Business North Carolina's* "[Legal Elite](#)" in Antitrust Law (2010), Litigation (2018, 2020-2021), Appellate (2021) and Young Guns (2008); also permanently recognized in the "Legal Elite Hall of Fame" for Antitrust Law

Recognized in [\*Benchmark Litigation\*](#) as a "Rising Star" (2011-2014), a "Future Star" (2015, 2017), a "Local Litigation Star" in Competition/Antitrust (2017-2021) and Top 250 Women in Litigation (2015-2020)

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Member, North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners (2019-present)

Chair, Antitrust and Trade Regulation Section, [North Carolina Bar Association](#) (2010-2011)

Permanent Member, Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference

Adjunct Law Professor, Trial Practice, [Elon Law School](#) (Spring 2008)  
Chair, North Carolina Business Court Rules Committee  
Member, Litigation and Antitrust Sections, [North Carolina Bar Association](#)  
Member, Antitrust Section, [American Bar Association](#)  
Member, Board of Directors, [BackPack Beginnings](#) (2012-present)  
Member, Board of Directors, Joseph Branch Inn of Court (2014-present)  
Member, Board of Directors, [Presbyterian Counseling Center](#) (2014)  
Member, Session, [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#) (2013)

## PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

"The Perils and Pitfalls of E-Discovery," Speaker, North Carolina Bar Association Annual Meeting, 2007  
*"How Do I Practice Before the Business Court: A How-To-Guide"* Article in Antitrust and Trade Regulation Section newsletter, North Carolina Bar Association, June 2007  
"Complex Litigation in the North Carolina Business Court," Speaker, North Carolina Business Court, May 2007  
"Students, Employees, Records and Technology: The Diverse Practice of Education Law," Speaker, North Carolina Bar Association, May 2006  
"Changes at North Carolina Business Court," March 2006  
Jennifer Van Zant Chosen as President-Elect for American Inn of Court, October 7, 2020  
Jennifer Van Zant Named to Benchmark's Top 250 Women in Litigation, September 24, 2020  
Jennifer Van Zant Named to North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners, August 29, 2019  
Beth Langley and Jennifer Van Zant Named 2019 North Carolina Lawyers Weekly "Women of Justice", August 26, 2019  
Brooks Pierce Partner Named to Benchmark's Top 250 Women in Litigation, August 21, 2019  
Brooks Pierce Attorneys, Practice Areas Earn Top Rankings from Chambers USA, May 26, 2017  
Twelve Brooks Pierce Attorneys to Present at the Festival of Legal Learning, January 12, 2017  
Brooks Pierce Partner Among Benchmark Litigation's Top 250 Women in Litigation, July 21, 2016  
Jennifer Van Zant Discusses NC Business Court Changes in Business North Carolina, June 1, 2016  
Brooks Pierce Partner Jennifer Van Zant Honored by the Triad Business Journal, April 6, 2016

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## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Jennifer Van Zant Serves as Moderator for Justice Stephen Breyer Program at Guilford College's Bryan Series, October 17, 2019  
Jennifer Van Zant to Present at the 2016 Antitrust & Complex Business Disputes Law Section Annual Meeting, February 8,

2016

Van Zant to present at 2016 Corporate Counsel Section Annual Meeting, January 18, 2016

Twenty Brooks Pierce Attorneys to Speak at the 2015 Festival of Legal Learning, February 10, 2015